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# **CAMPBELL—HUNT FAMILY PAPERS** 1802-1891

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Campbell-Hunt Family Papers 1802-1891, are centered around David Campbell (1802-1889), attorney, Chancellor, Judge, and legislator, of Nashville, Tennessee, and George H. Hunt, Episcopal Minister, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and his wife Inez (Rodes) Hunt), of Pulaski, Tennessee. The collection occupies .42 cubic feet of shelf space and numbers approximately 300 items.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Campbell Hunt Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Campbell-Hunt Family Papers, containing approximately 300 items, span the period 1802-1891, although most of the items are concentrated in the years 1850-1891. The collection is composed of correspondence, court records, and legal documents.

The collection largely centers around David Campbell (1802-1889), who was a House Representative for Williamson County, 1851-1853; a lawyer for 50 years; shared an office in Nashville with John B. McEwen, and John Marshall; was an incorporator of the Nashville and Decatur Rail Road; appointed as Chancellor of the 4th District, 1886; and was a Special Judge on circuit, chancery, and supreme courts.

The bulk of the materials are handwritten court briefs by Campbell which pertain to a variety of court cases, i.e. bills of complaint, depositions, law suits, litigations, etc. The briefs are a sampling of the cases commonly filed at the time in Davidson, Williamson, and surrounding counties of Middle Tennessee.

The correspondence of David Campbell is mostly of a business nature and can be difficult to read. The few letters (4) written to his son, J.P. Campbell, are the only insights into his personal views of life. His thoughts relating to intellectual development and character are particularly expressed therein.

The George H. Hunt Papers, also included in the collection, are the correspondence of George H. Hunt and family members from 1860-1891. Consisting of 58 letters, the bulk of the correspondence (40) centers around George H. Hunt, who was an Episcopal Minister at the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, rectory in the 1860's and 1870's. He corresponded with Inez Rodes, of Pulaski, Tennessee, who grew up at the estate called Clifton Place. They were married in 1868, and evidently lived apart for a number of years. Inez was reluctant to leave Clifton Place, so George carried on his duties in Alabama.

The correspondence of George H. Hunt reveals very little about the couple except for the concentrated period of 1868-1877, when they lived apart, seeing one another only at planned intervals. Other correspondence by family members round out the collection and are mostly addressed to Inez (Rodes) Hunt. A curious aunt, Lizzie Martin, lived in New York, and shared some interesting experiences.

There is no obvious connection between David Campbell and the Hunt family, except that the time period of the materials in the collection are similar.

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